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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
M. R. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, Jr., is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

GILMAN & CO.
Hongkong and Foochow.
May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & CO.
China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

I BEG to notify that, by permission of the Board of Directors of the ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, I have resigned my duties as GENERAL MANAGER of the said Company, and that all my Responsibility in the transactions of the same ceased on the 20th of April.

POON PONG,
(otherwise) POON WING CHUN.
Hongkong, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the "Chinese Mail," 三字 H 比 (Wai-Tee-Yat-Po), ceased from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the "Chinese Mail" from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LIOKE YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG OHM,
Lessor of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES.

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs Loaves.)

Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent), shortly.

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 ILL¹.

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RUM, 45°, 50°, O. P., and Naval.

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BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

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FOR SALE.

THE 90 & 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP

"ARGENTINE."

915 Tons Register (1426 Tons Gross).

For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.

Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

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AND A HALF per Part.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

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COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use

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TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque

Terrace, possession from 15th April next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

A LAUDATORY NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Passenger by the

O. S. S. Co.'s Steamer, "Devan."

begs publicly to signify his sense of gratitude

for the great kindness of Captain Brown,

Dr. Port, and Mr. Kwok Fui, Chief Cook of the said Steamer, for the recovery

of 180 sovereigns which were stolen by one

of the passengers during the voyage from

Singapore to Hongkong on March last,

particularly for the good-heartedness they

showed in recovering the same. As a mark

of gratitude, he begs to tender publicly his

sincere thanks to Captain Brown, Dr. Port,

and the Chief Cook.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The above has the pleasure to inform his

numerous Customers and the Public of

Hongkong, that his Photographic Establish-

ment is removed to the Newly-created

Condominium Building in Queen's Road

Central, next to Messrs SANDERS & CO.

Hongkong, April 23, 1878.

YOUNG TZUN POW.

Hongkong, May 2, 1878.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

PHOTOGRAPHIC,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,

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and to

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H. E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RYDER,

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 84.

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN.—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

THE following dangers have recently been examined by H.M.'s Surveying Vessel "NASSAU," Captain R. H. NAPIER, R.N., in charge of Survey:

1.—"BENJAMIN AYMAR" ROCK.
This Rock, on which the American Brig "BENJAMIN AYMAR" struck in January, 1878, consists of a small rocky Patch with 8 feet of water on its shoest part at L. W. Springs. A depth of from 9 to 10 fathoms was obtained in every direction at a distance of 14 cables from it, the bottom being mud.

Changhi Peak bears N. 68° E. from the Rock.

Middle Dog Lighthouse bears S. 37° E. from the Rock.

Sea Dog Summit bears S. 69° E. from the Rock.

Sea Cat Summit bears S. 71° E. from the Rock.

CLEARING MARKS.—The Southern extremity of Changhi Island in line with the Northern extremity of Matsen Island leads clear to the Southward, and Crab Island should not be brought to bear Eastward of North to clear to the Eastward.

2.—"NORMAN COURT" ROCK.

This Rock consists of Two PINNACLES lying in a North and South direction and distant 14 cables from each other. The SOUTHERN One is distant 43 cables from Flat Rock, and has 9 feet of water over it at L. W. Springs, with deep water close around, but a rocky ledge with 6 fathoms over it extends 4 cables to the S.E. of it. The NORTHERN ONE has only 6 feet over it at L. W. Springs. There is also a ROCKY PATCH, with 2 fathoms over it, to the S.E. of Flat Rock, and distant from it 24 cables.

Flat Rock Summit bears N. 7° 10' W. from the S. Pinnacle.

Changhi Peak bears N. 16° E. from the S. Matsen Peak bears N. 69° W. from the S. Pinnacle.

Sea Dog Summit bears S. 5° W. from the S. Pinnacle.

3.—"PILOT ROCK."

This danger (described at Page 278 of the China Sea Directory, Vol. III., 1874, as lying 8 miles East from Sea Cat, but unnamed) is 84 miles from the Sea Cat, and consists of a PINNACLE of small extent on which the sea breaks at L. W. Springs, there being about 1 foot of water over it.

Changhi Peak bears N. 17° W. from the Rock.

Sea Cat Summit bears S. 87° W. from the Rock.

Sea Dog Summit bears S. 63° 16' W. from the Rock.

This notice affects Admiralty Charts Nos. 1,232, 1,781, and 2,400.
All Bearings are Magnetic.
Variation in 1873 1° West.
By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineer's Office,
Shanghai, 16th April, 1878. my8

To-day's Advertisements.

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VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp. COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.

SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS. GENT'S TOOL CHESTS. MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases. SPIRIT LEVELS. HAMMERS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS. SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PALMS.

COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.

DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps. PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes. BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS. LETT'S DIARIES, for 1878. NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS. WORKS of REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS. IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER. RODGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY. MAPPIN & WEBB'S SCISSORS. MANIFOLD WRITERS.

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STATIONERY of ALL KINDS. BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.

CARD-BOARD, Assorted Colours.

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QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK.

MATTAH & NORE'S WRITING and COPYING INK.

MUCILAGE, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGA-RETTEs, &c., &c.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Hilderns.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles. Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN CLERK, with a knowledge of BOOKKEEPING, and can Correspond.—Address "A.B.C." Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878. my8

TO LET.

A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHAKEMEN, in Canton. Possession from 26th May.

APPLY to AHMEDSHOV HABIBBHOF,

Opposite, May 6, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

BEG to announce that they have completed Arrangements for carrying on the Business
of
AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS,

in connection with their
WINE TRADE.

The Quality of the Aerated Waters manufactured is guaranteed to be First-class, the Machinery and Chemicals being New, and the Best which can be imported.

13, Queen's Road, and 22, Praya,
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

PRICES.

	Per Dozen.
SODA WATER,	40 CENTS.
LEMONADE,	50 "
TONIC WATER,	50 "
GINGERADE,	50 "
POTASS WATER,	50 "
SELTZER WATER,	50 "
SARSAPARILLA WATER,	75 "
LYTHIA WATER,	75 "
SODA WATER in large Syphons,	75 "

A Reduction on these Prices is made on Orders of over Three Dozen. Bottles charged, if not returned.

ARRIVALS.

May 5, *Hailoong*, British steamer, 277, F. P. C. Goode, Tamsui May 1, Amoy, & Swatow 4, General.—DOUGLAS LAFLAIRE & CO.

May 5, *Jesse McDonald*, British 3-m. schooner, 275, Stott, Chefoo, April 17, General.—CHINESE.

May 5, *Quinta*, German steamer, 874, Wrang, Saigon April 30, Salt and Rice.—SOY SHING.

May 5, *Parce*, British steamer, 1014, W. Sargent, Saigon April 30, Rice and Salt.—MICHIGAN & CO.

May 6, 5.30 a.m., *Nuyen*, Chinese steamer, 850, A. Crook, Shanghai May 2, 10.30 a.m. General—C. M. S. N. Co.

May 6, *Friant*, British steamer, 1572, S. H. Butler, Shanghai April 29, and Amoy 5, General.—BURTON & SWINN.

May 6, *Mangerton*, British barque, 330, G. W. Thompson, Quilon April 27, Salt.—CHINESE.

May 6, *Flintshire*, British steamer, 1243, Thomas, Bangkok April 23, Rice.—K. K. KEE & CO.

DEPARTURES.

May 5, *Orestes*, for Yokohama.

5, *Pacific*, for Yap (Caroline Group).

5, *Hans*, for Whampoa.

5, *Emeralda*, for Amoy.

5, *Bellona*, for Saigon.

5, *Tyre*, for Shanghai.

5, *Glenaruey*, for Hankow.

5, *Sun-kei*, R. C. for a cruise.

5, H. M. S. *Swinger*, for Yokohama.

5, H. M. S. *Lapwing*, for a cruise.

6, *Fuyuen*, for Canton.

6, *Black Pristol*, for Foochow.

6, *Douglas*, for Coast Ports.

6, *Creswell*, for Bangkok.

6, *Orissa*, for Yokohama.

6, *Lombardy*, for Shanghai.

6, *Master*, for Manila.

6, *Yangtze*, for Shanghai.

6, *H. M. S. Vigilant*, for Yokohama.

6, *Scots*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Zambanga, for Haiphong.

Hudson, for Coban.

Maid of Jadiuk, for Takow.

Foron, for Shanghai.

Antioch, for Vancouver's Island.

Dauphin, for Bangkok.

Malabar, for Nilgara.

Lady Penrhyn, for Cebu.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Venice*, from Singapore, Mr. Mansfield, and 235 Chinese deck.

Per *Hailoong*, from Amoy, &c., Dr. Martin, and 66 Chinese deck.

Per *Fuyuen*, from Shanghai, Mr. F. K. Thompson, and 50 Chinese.

Per *Friant*, from Shanghai and Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. F. R. Smith, and 360 Chinese.

Per *Parse*, from Saigon, 1 European and 76 Chinese.

Per *Quinta*, from Saigon, 2 Chinese.

Per *Flintshire*, from Bangkok, 60 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Oreks*, for Yokohama, Messrs. J. Pitman, Taro Ando and Mrs. Ando.

Per *Tigre*, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and maid servant, Rovida, Lemmonier, Ver Linden, Messrs. Bullock, C. A. Lord, Haskell, V. Bataille, Ferand and friend; from Marseilles, Messrs. Maltear, Gunneman, and Butlers, Mrs. Schut, Messrs. Davies, Rogers and brother, Mrs. Hirth and two children; from Naples, Mr. Gran Lebedoff.

Per *Tigre*, for Yokohama, Mr. S. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Long Toke, and one female servant; from Marseilles, Mr. Rita; from Paris, Mr. Witt; from Madras, Mr. Edal.

Per *Douglas*, for Swatow, Mr. Scott; for Amoy, Mr. J. B. Coughtrie; for Foochow, Messrs. Ribeiro, Oruch, Reeves, Galton, Postlethwaite, Rogers, Metta, Khrom, and Hunter.

Per *Orissa*, for Yokohama, Mr. Foulger, and 3 deck. From Southampton, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and infant.

Per *Lombardy*, for Shanghai, 79 deck. From Southampton, Mr. Mollman.

Per *Yangtze*, for Shanghai, Messrs. Nathan Abraham Sieba, Arnhold, Hartmann, and Mrs. Vancher.

Per *Emeralda*, for Amoy, 170 Chinese.

Per *Bellona*, for Saigon, 140 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Venice* reports:

Left Calcutta on the 18th April and Penang on 25th. Arrived Singapore 27th and left on the 28th. Had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather until the 3rd May, when had strong N.E. winds with rain and a heavy sea, which continued until arrival.

Anchored off Green Island on the 4th inst. at 8 p.m. Made fast to buoy on the 5th at 8 a.m.

The British steamer *Hailoong* reports:

Left Tamsui on the 1st inst. and encountered a strong gale of wind from N.E. accompanied by heavy squalls and high sea. Arrived in Amoy on the 2nd, left again on the 3rd, and from thence to Swatow had strong N.E. winds and high sea.

Arrived in Swatow on the 4th, left the same day, and from thence to port moderate winds and fine. She reports a barque ashore on the Jacqueline Sands outside Swat

brought before the Court, but said that he had no idea it was going to assume its present form. Mr. Francis said there could be no fresh evidence brought forward, but as neither the Chief Justice nor the Registrar had taken any notes of the evidence produced before, he (Mr. Francis) would have to put it now word for word. Their Lordships, after hearing the evidence, reserved their decision.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by order of the Inspector General of Customs:

XANGZEE RIVER.—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd instant the Kuitoan Light-vessel, showing a fixed white light, was moored in mid-channel, and in five fathoms at low water spring tides, with the Kuitoan Lighthouse bearing S. 67° W., magnetic, and distant about 1. nautical miles. The Light is a catoptric one, elevated 35 feet above the sea, and in clear weather it should be visible from a distance of 11 nautical miles.

A small white light is exhibited from the fore-stay, at a height of 6 feet above the rail, for the purpose of showing in what direction the vessel is riding. The light-vessel is painted red, with the word "KUITOAN" in white letters on each side, and she has one mast surmounted by an 8-foot black ball.

In foggy weather a 10-cent. fog-ball will be struck three double blows in each minute, the interval between the blows of each pair being 5 seconds, and between two successive pairs of blows, 15 seconds. If the light-vessel be driven from her proper position to one where she is of no use as a guide to shipping, the usual red light will not be exhibited, but a fixed red light will be shown at each end of the vessel; the ball will be struck as soon as possible, and till struck it will be surmounted by a red flag.

Kuitoan Lighthouse.—The light formerly shown from the Kuitoan Light-house (No. 24 in the 1878 or Sixth Issue of the List of Chinese Lights) has been discontinued. No. 1 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy.—The No. 1 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy (No. 26 in the 1878 List of Chinese Lights), has been removed.

No. 2 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy.—The old red No. 2 Blockhouse Shoal Buoy, (No. 27 in the 1878 List of Chinese Lights), 8 feet in diameter at the water line, and surmounted by a black spherical cage, has been moored in five fathoms at low water spring tides, with the Kuitoan Lighthouse bearing S. 8° 30' W., magnetic, and distant about 2.9 nautical miles. It marks the S. W. edge of a bank, dry at low water and only one cable to the eastward of it, and has no number painted on it.

THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

The following correspondence is published in the Government Gazette of Saturday last:

GOVERNMENT CENTRAL SCHOOL, Hongkong, 1st March, 1878.

Sir.—I have the honour to inform you that this school was re-opened to-day after the Chinese New Year holidays. There were 218 applicants for admission, and only 40 vacant seats.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Head Master.

Minutes by His Excellency the Governor.

Request Mr. STEWART to have a list made out of all the pupils now on the books of the Central School, marking with red ink the names of the pupils who can speak English.

J. POPE HENNESSY.

Minute by the Inspector of Schools.

In accordance with His Excellency's request, I enclose a list of the names, 453 in number, of all the scholars on the books of the Central School at this date. They compose the nine English classes into which the scholars are divided.

As the "speaking of English," that is, the ability to converse in the English language, is a term of variable application, I have thought it advisable to arrange the list under the following headings, namely:

1. Those marked A, numbering 8, who are English or other European boys speaking English idiomatically.

2. Those marked B, numbering 33, who are European and Indian boys speaking English with considerable fluency.

3. Those marked C, number 16, who are Chinese boys speaking English with considerable fluency.

4. Those marked D, numbering 58, who speak English with diffidence.

5. Those marked E, numbering 386, who cannot be said to "speak English" at all.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Inspector of Schools,
Government Central School,
5th March, 1878.

[Here follows List.]

To A. FALCONER, Esq.,
Acting Head Master,
Government Central School.

Add to the above the age of each boy, and the number of months each has been in the Government Central School, for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

E. J. KITTEL,
Acting Inspector of Schools,
Hongkong, 12th March, 1878.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

1. Publish in the Gazette Mr. STEWART's report on the result of his own examination of the pupils in the Central School as to their capacity for speaking English.

2. To the regular number of each pupil should be added his nationality, his age, length of time at the Central School, and in every case, the words of Mr. STEWART's power of speaking English.

3. In the list as copied by one of my clerks a mistake was made respecting No. 355 who was originally only twenty-two months at the School, whereas in the copy sent into my hands he was stated to have been 10 years and 2 months at School.

Before sending Mr. STEWART's report and the list of pupils to the printer, I should be glad if Dr. EIRIN would be good enough to have the list carefully compared with the results obtained by Mr. STEWART at his examination in last March and with the records of the Central School.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
5th April, 1878.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.)

May 6, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS.

Joseph Corcoran and Thomas Smith, seamen belonging to the American barque *H. G. Johnston*, were charged with the above offence. The 2nd defendant assaulted Sikh Constable No. 597, and knocked off his pug-geared. The 1st defendant, who admitted being drunk, was discharged with a caution; the 2nd defendant was fined \$2 and ordered to pay 10 cents to licensed hawkaw No. 83.

Baptiste Klein, seaman French barque *Genevieve*, was fined 20 cents for being found drunk in a chair.

Bernard Coine, Marine U.S.S. *Ranger*, was charged with being drunk in the streets and was discharged with a caution.

James Robertson, seaman steamer *Argyll*, was fined 50 cents for being found lying drunk on the *Praya*. He admitted the offence.

Arthur Beondies, cook steamer *Lombardy*, was fined 20 cents for drunkenness.

Henry Wafer, fireman, John Lindemann, seaman steamer *Mercia*, was fined 50 cents each. Defendants admitted being drunk.

Thomas Howard, a seaman residing at the Sailors' Home, was fined 50 cents.

Maurice Cook, seaman American ship *Freeman Clark*, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair hire, and was ordered to pay 50 cents chair-hire and 10 cents amends for loss of time.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

Bentley Bonton Stephenson, Chief Officer American barque *Ceylon*, was charged on an information laid by detective Sergeant Toomey, with stealing an ulster coat, a diamond ring, one set of gold studs, a silver-mounted pipe and a waistcoat, besides other articles, the property of Captain Pitman of the S. S. *Douglas*, on the 2nd March last, from his room at the Hongkong Hotel.

Sergeant Toomey, sworn, stated that he had an information on the 4th instant and obtained a search warrant. He did not find any of the stolen property on board the *Ceylon*. The defendant was on board the vessel when the search was made, and was taken into custody owing to other information he had received concerning a diamond scarf ring, part of the property stolen. He asked the defendant if he had signed his name as Davis to orders for liquor at the Hongkong Hotel, to which the defendant replied that he might have done so.

George D. Pitman, sworn, stated he was commander of the S. S. *Douglas*. On the 26th & 27th of February last, he occupied a room at the Hongkong Hotel, and remained there until the 4th March. On the evening of the 2nd March he discovered that he had been robbed of certain articles of clothing and jewellery, valued at about \$100. The articles had been taken from various places in witness's room, and some of the articles of clothing he had seen the previous evening, but the jeweller he had not seen for several days. He missed the articles about 7 p.m. The room door was not locked. Sergeant Toomey showed him his (witness's) diamond ring about a fortnight back. He told before, but still is worth repeating; Sir David was taken prisoner, and some one reported the circumstance to his wife, and informed her how he would be chained to some nigger-guard. The old Scotch lady gave a bland smile and quietly remarked: "I peety the man who's chained to oor Davy."

The half-mad person who fired a paper bullet at the Master of the Rolls is to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure. This term always strikes me as being a very polite and complimentary one; but I suppose her Majesty's pleasure begins and ends there. I shall not mention the judge's name, but when he was discussing the matter with a friend he remarked, "Why, no judge is safe. Here is one being fired at with a pistol, and some sounder threw a rotten egg at me." His friend dryly remarked, "A pistol and a rotten egg—you see that makes the difference in the judges."

I have run across a good many petted animals in my time, but the disclosures I heard the other day at a dog-poisoning case being tried, bear out the palm. The evidence was far from conclusive as to whether—for this was the criminal charge—the landlady poisoned her lodger's dog or not. But I purpose only telling you of the "lying in state" of the dead pup.

Sergeant Toomey signed it "H. Davis, ship *Signor*." The defendant came on the 4th March and selected a silk umbrella and 6 silk handkerchiefs. Witness kept the ring 7 or 8 days and then sold it to Inspector Lee for \$10. In reply to the defendant witness said he was sure defendant was the man who sold him the ring. At that time the defendant had a large beard.

A clerk at the Hongkong Hotel said he sometimes assisted at the Bar. The defendant frequented the Hotel. He first went there on the 28th February, and continued to do so until the 7th March. The defendant owes about \$17 for drinks and meals. He signed chits "H. Davis." On the 2nd March the defendant visited the Hotel Stand at the Race Course and gave orders there. The defendant visited the Hotel the same evening. He had a large beard at that time.

The case was remanded until Monday next, the 13th instant.

LAWYER.

Cheung Aohin, a coolie, was sent to 6 months' hard labour for stealing a pillow-box containing \$12 in silver, from the steamer *Kuklung*. He was arrested by C. Campbell.

Wong Aohin, a coolie, was sent to one month's hard labour for stealing a fowl.

Wong Aohin, a coolie, was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing a silk handkerchief from the person of a seaman named Leopold St. Jean.

Ma Afuh, a carpenter, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing a watch from the person of a boy named Eugenio dos Remedios.

LONDON GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The wandering minstrels—who, by the way, are the only purely amateur orchestral society in the world, for no professional element mixes with them—were good enough to invite me to their hundred and eighth smoking concert. I went and look back to it with more than infinite pleasure. The music was superb: as a rule, in England, for the sake of shortening the performance, the Ballet music in the six aspects, in *Faust*, is omitted, and it is only on an occasion such as the one I am briefly reviewing that one gets the chance of hearing it. These minstrels played it with a rarity of execution and perfection of touch. The assemblage was at Lord Fitzgerald's house in Sloane Street, his bark garden having, with a view to the furtherance of the art he loves, been covered in and made an excellent concert hall. Rare curios from distant lands adorn the walls, and not a few are Japanese. You go there in tweed suits or any style of clothes you choose; you smoke, and are supplied with as much good whiskey and water as you choose—but you don't want much liquid with the splendid music you hear.

During an interval at the above concert, a friend told me a story which ran as follows, and which I humbly deem worth

quoting. A certain man purchased a horse at a sale with all faults. He was pleased with his bargain. Later on the recent owner of the horse was pointed out to the purchaser, who accosted him thus, "I have bought your horse," quoth he, "now, just to prepare me, will you, as it were in a friendly way, tell me any faults he may possess?" The reply was, "Oh, he has only two faults: the one is he is difficult to catch when loose in the field." That appeared of small moment; the new owner expressed himself as deeming that of little account. "The other," continued the ex-owner, "is that when we catch him, he isn't worth a d—!"

I mentioned the other day when writing you, concerning an extraordinary performance of a sword-swallowing at the fashionable Canterbury. If any proof were needed that the astounding feat were genuine, it certainly was given last night, when the performer, swallowing a bayonet, with a gun attached, suddenly was left with three-quarters of the cold steel in his throat, the bayonet having snapped in two. With great presence of mind, Signor Benedicto bowed to the audience, and smartly moved off the stage where the blade was taken from his throat. It was not until he went back with the broken steel in his hand, that the people knew of the narrow escape he had had. His throat was somewhat lacerated, and he kept splitting blood for half-an-hour. I may add that he gave a special, though private service to a lot of medical men, who all testified to the marvelous worth of the entertainment. Sword-swallowing is a feat practised by orientals, but none that I have seen can touch this Swede. The first performance of the kind given in London happened about thirty years ago, when an Indian swallowed a sword about eighteen inches long, at the Victoria Theatre, but this man deals with regulation swords.

One of the next naval aide-de-camps to the Queen will probably be Captain Baird, who has served, like most other distinguished officers, in our China seas. He is a grandson of the late Sir David Baird, the hero of Seringapatam, and brother to the Captain Baird of the 42nd (Black Watch) Highlanders, who was killed fighting at Aspinwall. It is a little story about his grandmother's opinion of her husband that I am going to tell you—it has often been told before, but still is worth repeating: Sir David was taken prisoner, and some one reported the circumstance to his wife, and informed her how he would be chained to some nigger-guard. The old Scotch lady gave a bland smile and quietly remarked: "I peety the man who's chained to oor Davy."

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Many must have felt disappointed this morning at seeing a decided threatening for more rain; but perhaps of all none more so than those who, encouraged by the splendid weather of the previous day, had made large preparations for meeting the wants of pleasure seekers. However the comfort of those visiting the stands at the Race course was certainly enhanced by the coolness of the day; and as it happened the people came out in numbers hardly looked for, and all were well pleased. The rain had not been sufficient materially to affect the course; the racing on the whole was good, and those who were present were well repaid. The Grand Stand, if it did not present quite so gay an appearance as yesterday, was still reasonably well attended, and there were more ladies present than might have been expected. About 4 P.M. the sun came out, and brightened the close of the very enjoyable day's sport.

1.—THE SHANGHAI CUP.—Value, Tls. 100.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Winners of one Race in China Extra; two or more Races, 10lbs. extra.—Entrance, Tls. 5.—Half-a-Mile.

2.—THE YANTZEE STAKES.—Value, Tls. 100, added to a Sweepstakes of Tls. 5, each.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Two Miles and a Half.

3.—THE ERICLIDCUE.—Value, Tls. 100.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Three to one against *Ericlidcue*.

4.—THE ST. ANDREW'S.—Value, Tls. 100.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Winners of one Race in China Extra; two or more Races, 10lbs. extra.—Entrance, Tls. 5.—Half-a-Mile.

5.—THE ST. ANDREW'S.—Value, Tls. 100.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Three to one against *St. Andrew's*.

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7.—THE CHINATOWN STAKES.—Value, Tls. 100.—For China Ponies.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Entrance, Tls. 5.—One Mile.

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Mills,
Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIA" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 8th May, at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 8th May. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN Passengers' TICKETS.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS granted to Officers of the ARMY and NAVY and to Members of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 67, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878. my3

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTS FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 11th May, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. "IRAOUDDE," Commandant GAYTAIN, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 10th May, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 27, 1878. my11



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London.

Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE BRITISH AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "GWLLOD," Captain J. C. BARON, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 18th May, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my18

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, at 8 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama, and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 22nd May. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 26, 1878. my33

Intimations.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL & Co., on TUESDAY, the 7th May, at Two o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS—To Receive the Accounts of the Association for the fiscal Year ending September 30th, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 7th May, Inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. oc1

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.

It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date, and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.

By Order of the Directors,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878. oc1

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undesignated Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCHANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Established 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undesignated Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors:

KWOK AHCHONG, Merchant.

PANG YIM, Merchant.

HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.

Loo Yim, of the Kee On Hong, Merchant.

Cheung Sing Kiong, Merchant.

Choy Chau, Merchant.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. sub23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

No. 1,720.

THE Undesignated are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE, BUILDINGS or on Goods stored, whether as Coal in Markets, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 26, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

THE Undesignated are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
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